

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Independent claims 1, 12, 22, 24 and 34 are being amended to clarify that which the Applicant believes to be patentable subject matter and in response to suggestions made by the Examiner. Generally, the claims are amended to clarify the source of location data and, more specifically, the term “user device” is amended to be “mobile device.” Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for aggregating location information, said method comprising:

acquiring location data ~~regarding a user~~ from a plurality of location sources, wherein each location source of the plurality of location sources corresponds to a different mobile ~~is associated with a particular user~~ device of a plurality of user mobile devices and each mobile device of the plurality of mobile devices corresponds to a particular user;

creating a collection of said location data regarding said user; and
calculating a location of said user from the collection of said location data.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said acquiring further comprises converting said location data from said location sources to a single format.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of said location sources is a two-way pager, and said single format is one implemented in extensible markup language (XML).

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of said location sources is a wireless LAN hub, and said single format is one implemented in extensible markup language (XML).

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said location data are updated continuously.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:
said acquiring further comprises acquiring location data regarding more than one user;
said creating further comprises creating collections of said location data regarding more than one user, organized by user; and
said calculating a location further comprises calculating a location of each user of the more than one users.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said acquiring further comprises converting said location data from said location sources to a single format.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein at least one of said location sources is a two-way pager, and said single format is one implemented in XML.
9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein at least one of said location sources is a wireless LAN hub, and said single format is one implemented in XML.
10. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said location data are updated continuously.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Currently amended) An information handling system for aggregating location information, said information handling system comprising:
means for acquiring location data regarding a user from a plurality of location sources, wherein each location source of the plurality of location sources corresponds to a different mobile ~~is associated with a particular user~~ device of a plurality of mobile user devices and each mobile device of the plurality of mobile devices corresponds to said user; and
means for creating a collection of said location data regarding said user; and

means for calculating a location of said user from the collection of said location data.

13. (Original) The information handling system of claim 12, wherein said means for acquiring further comprises means for converting said location data from said location sources to a single format.

14. (Original) The information handling system of claim 13, wherein at least one of said location sources is a two-way pager, and said single format is one implemented in XML.

15. (Original) The information handling system of claim 13, wherein at least one of said location sources is a wireless LAN hub, and said single format is one implemented in XML.

16. (Original) The information handling system of claim 12, wherein said location data are updated continuously.

17. (Previously Presented) The information handling system of claim 12, wherein:

said means for acquiring further comprises means for acquiring location data regarding more than one user;

said means for creating further comprises means for creating collections of said location data regarding more than one user, organized by user; and

said means for calculating a location of said user further comprises means for calculating a location for each user of the more than one user.

18. (Original) The information handling system of claim 17, wherein said means for acquiring further comprises means for converting said location data from said location sources to a single format.

19. (Original) The information handling system of claim 18, wherein at least one of said location sources is a two-way pager, and said single format is one implemented in XML.

20. (Original) The information handling system of claim 18, wherein at least one of said location sources is a wireless LAN hub, and said single format is one implemented in XML.

21. (Original) The information handling system of claim 17, wherein said location data are updated continuously.

22. (Presently amended) An information handling system for aggregating location information, said information handling system comprising:

- a communication device communicating with a network;

- a storage device;

- an output device;

- a system bus; and

- a processor, coupled by said system bus to said communication device, said storage device, and said output device, said processor programmed to implement a method comprising:

 - acquiring location data regarding a user from a plurality of location sources, wherein each location source of the plurality of location sources corresponds to a different mobile ~~is associated with a particular user~~ device of a plurality of mobile user devices and each mobile device of the plurality of mobile devices corresponds to said user;

 - converting said location data from said location sources to a single format;

 - creating a collection of said location data regarding said user; and

 - updating said location data continuously.

23. (Previously presented) The information handling system of claim 22, said processor being programmed to implement a method wherein:

said acquiring further comprises acquiring location data regarding more than one user, and;

said creating further comprises creating collections of said location data regarding more than one user, organized by user.

24. (Currently amended) A computer-usable medium having computer-executable instructions, comprising:

means for acquiring location data regarding a user from a plurality of location sources, wherein each location source of the plurality of location sources corresponds to a different mobile device of a plurality of mobile user devices and each mobile device of the plurality of mobile devices corresponds to said user;

means for creating a collection of said location data regarding said user; and

means for calculating a location of said user based upon the collection of said location data.

25. (Previously presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 24, wherein said means for acquiring further comprises means for converting said location data from said location sources to a single format.

26. (Previously presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 25, wherein at least one of said location sources is a two-way pager, and said single format is one implemented in XML.

27. (Previously presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 25, wherein at least one of said location sources is a wireless LAN hub, and said single format is one implemented in XML.

28. (Previously presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 24, wherein said location data are updated continuously.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 24, wherein:
said means for acquiring further comprises means for acquiring location data regarding more than one user;
said means for creating further comprises means for creating collections of said location data regarding more than one user, organized by user; and
said means for calculating a location of said user further comprises means for calculating a location for each user of the more than one user.
30. (Previously presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 29, wherein said means for acquiring further comprises means for converting said location data from said location sources to a single format.
31. (Previously presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 30, wherein at least one of said location sources is a two-way pager, and said single format is one implemented in XML.
32. (Previously presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 30, wherein at least one of said location sources is a wireless LAN hub, and said single format is one implemented in XML.
33. (Previously presented) The computer-usable medium of claim 29, wherein said location data are updated continuously.
34. (Currently Amended) A method for aggregating information to determine a user's location, the method comprising:
retrieving location data from a plurality of location sources, wherein each location source of the plurality of location sources corresponds to a different mobile ~~is associated with a particular user~~ device of a plurality of mobile user ~~mobile user~~ devices and each mobile device of the plurality of mobile devices corresponds to a particular user;
evaluating the location data based upon user data corresponding to the ~~a~~ user ~~associated with the plurality of user devices~~; and

calculating a location of the user based upon the evaluation of the location data
and the user data.